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SECTION I - DISPOSITION BOARDS OF PATIENTS

1. In this Theater patients brought before medical disposition boards may be classified in any one of the following four classes:

- A - Fit for general military service at once.
- B - Fit for general military service after additional reconditioning. (Temporary limited service for a specified time).
- C - Fit for permanent limited service (excepting certain specified duties).
- D - To be evacuated to the Zone of the Interior for further hospitalization.

2. Class "B" cases will not exceed a period of light duty of six (6) weeks. A class "C" case may not be reclassified to class "A" until a period of ninety (90) days has elapsed. Both officers and enlisted men may be brought before boards when it is felt necessary by the hospital commanders. Individuals who are to be discharged for disability or who are to appear before an Army Retiring Board will be classified as Class "D".

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3. So much of Section I, Par 2 a, Circular Letter No 4, this Office, dated 11 March 1946, as pertains to the 300th General Hospital is rescinded. At present only the 61st Station Hospital is authorized to classify patients as Class "D". The 15th Field Hospital, 34th Station Hospital, 55th Station Hospital, 300th General Hospital and 61st Station Hospital are authorized to classify patients as "A", "B", and "C".

4. Section XIII, par 4 d, Circular Letter No 3, this office, dated 20 February 1946, is hereby rescinded.

5. In Board Proceedings a form as outlined in Annex "A" will be used.

SECTION II - DETACHMENT OF PATIENTS.

6. Under the provisions of paragraph 1 b, WD Circular No. 87, dated 26 March 1946, all numbered Station Hospitals in this Theater will establish a Detachment of Patients. Transfer of patients to or from the Detachment of Patients of any numbered hospital will be made as outlined in the above quoted circular.

7. In the event the commanding officer of a numbered Station Hospital has a patient or patients that in his opinion should appear before the Disposition Board at the 61st Station Hospital for probable classification as class "D", such patient or patients will be transferred from the Detachment of Patients of the hospital concerned to the Detachment of Patients of the 61st Station Hospital. The following records, where applicable, will be assembled and forwarded with the patient by the transferring hospital:

- a. Form 20 (Soldier's Qualification Card)
- b. Form 24 (Service Record)
- c. Form 28 (Individual Pay Record & Currency Control Book)
- d. Form 32 (Individual Clothing and Equipment Record) (if used)
- e. C & E Adjustment Form.
- f. Form 33 (Individual Equipment Record)
- g. Form 34 (Individual Clothing and Equipment Record - Arctic Clothing and Equipment) (as applicable)
- *h. Form 65 -1 (Officer's Identification Card)
- i. Form 66-1, 66-2, or 66-3 (Officer's or Warrant Officer's Qualification Card)
- *j. Form 77 (Officer's Pay Data Card)

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- k. Form 78 (Syphilis Register) - For individuals under treatment for syphilis.
 - *l. Form 8-117 (Immunization Register)
 - *m. Copy of orders announcing rating (Flying Personnel only)
 - *n. Copy of orders authorizing Flying Status (Flying Personnel only)
 - *o. Record of leave accrued and granted (to be carried by officers - Per Cir 55, WD 1943)
 - p. Medical Records required by AR 40-1025, copies of clinical histories, X-Rays, etc.
 - q. Papers transmitting baggage and valuables as contemplated in paragraph 8, AR 40-590.
 - r. Statement (when appropriate), properly certified, reporting which of the above records are missing, therefore are not being forwarded, and the reason therefor. Where possible, duplicates to replace missing records will be accomplished prior to transfer.
- * To be carried by individuals.

SECTION III - DEATH OF POW'S

8. Section III, par 10 b (2) Circular Letter Number 4, this Office, dated 11, March 1946, is rescinded and the following substituted therefor:

9. Report of death of POW's all U.S. Army Medical Installations will be made by cable to FMIB, Auxiliary Troop Command, PBS, APO 782. One copy will be forwarded to POW enclosure or labour camp from which the POW was admitted. A Death Certificate, WD, P.M.G., Form No. 95 will be made out in quadruplicate. The original and two (2) copies will be forwarded to the address mentioned above and one (1) copy filed at the hospital.

SECTION IV - GERMAN MEDICAL SUPPLY.

10. So much of pars. 3 and 4 as pertains to the 99th Field Hospital is amended to read the 336th Medical Detachment.

SECTION V - 391ST STATION HOSPITAL (TO REPLACE 15TH FIELD HOSPITAL)

11. Such matters as pertain to the 15th Field Hospital as published in this and previous circulars, this office, will be applicable to the 391st Station Hospital, upon activation on or about 13 May 1946.

SECTION VI - 393ND STATION HOSPITAL (TO REPLACE 300TH GENERAL HOSPITAL.

12. Such matter as pertains to the 300th General Hospital, as published in this and previous Circulars, this office, will be applicable to the 392nd Station Hospital, upon activation on 1st June, 1946.

SECTION VII - MISCELLANEOUS

13. SCABIES - The number of cases of scabies hospitalized because of secondary pyogenic infection and/or irritation caused by previous treatment is consistently high. This disease can normally be treated on a duty status by closely following the method outlined in WD Memorandum No. 40-46, 9 January 1946. This information has been extracted and published in Circular Letter No. 2, this office, 11 February 1946. Additional copies of these instructions are being provided to each major command for distribution to newly arrived officers and to unit dispensaries where many instances of incomplete cure, overtreatment and recurrence appear to originate. Early accurate diagnosis and prompt implicit compliance with these directions for treatment are enjoined on the part of all concerned.

14. 61ST STATION HOSPITAL LABORATORY. Effective 1st June 1946, all hospital laboratory procedures that cannot be properly handled by the personnel on duty, or with the equipment on hand, by numbered station hospitals in this theater will be sent to the 61st Station Hospital, APO 782, instead of to the 300th General Hospital as heretofore.

15. PENICILLIN - Reference change 6 to Medical Supply Catalogue, 1945, item 1606810 - Penicillin, Sodium, 200,000 Oxford units, is now available at Depot 3-L-50 for issue to Hospitals and Dispensaries authorized to requisition Penicillin.

16. INFLUENZA - In accordance with Section II, WD Circular No. 113, 18 April 1946, vaccination against influenza is discontinued, effective immediately.

17. PATIENTS - Recently it has been brought to the attention of this office that paragraph 2 b (4), AR 40-590, dated 21 January 1946, is not being strictly complied with. This paragraph requires the Commanding Officer of an overseas hospital, whenever the condition of the patient, by reason of injury or disease, has reached a stage which seriously endangers life, and in all cases of insanity when the diagnosis has been made, to promptly communicate the fact to the person designated by the patient to be notified in case of emergency or the nearest known relative.

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HEADQUARTERS
Station Hospital
APO _____ U.S. Army

Proceedings of a Board of Medical Officers convened at _____ Station
Hospital APO _____ pursuant to _____ Station Hospital
dated _____.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

The Board met at the _____ Station Hospital, APO _____

All Members Present:

The Board then proceeded with the examination of:

(Last Name)	(First Name)	(MI)	(Rank)	(ASN)	(Organization)
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Length of Service: _____ Age: _____

Who was admitted to _____ Station Hospital, _____ under
the following circumstances:

Brief Medical History of Case:

After a through examination of the patient and his clinical records
the Board finds the diagnosis as follows:

LD: _____
The Board recommends that the patient be classified as, _____

_____ Chief Surg. Serv. Approved _____ _____ Commanding State of Pref: _____	_____ Chief Medical Serv. _____ Ward Officer Battle Casualty: Group _____ Sub-Group _____
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ANNEX "A" to Circular No. 7, Office of the Theater Chief Surgeon, MTOUSA
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